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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND ENCODED ZINC
TRANSPORTER PROTEIN ENTITLED
108P5H8 USEFUL IN TREATMENT AND
DETECTION OF CANCER

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, for which a response is due on March 2, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.